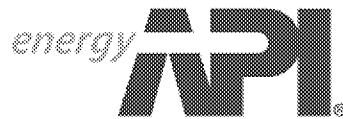


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API Michigan: The safety, health and protection of people, the environment and communities are the top priorities for the natural gas and oil industry

LANSING, Mich., July 19, 2018 – API Michigan released the following statement, reiterating that the safety of pipelines and the important role they play in the efficient transportation of energy, on the same day that the Michigan Petroleum Pipelines (MTU) released its report, “Risk Analysis for The Straits Pipelines,” for public comment.

“Safety is a core value embedded in the oil and natural gas industry’s operations culture, and we are committed to working with the state of Michigan and all stakeholders on safely and responsibly meeting the daily energy needs of the people of Michigan,” said API Michigan Executive Director Peter Langley. “Building new pipeline infrastructure throughout the state and ensuring the safety of critical pipeline infrastructure like Enbridge’s Line 5 are critical to ensuring that Michigan families and businesses can safely and efficiently access affordable and reliable energy.

“The theoretical scenarios in the report do not account for existing safety and contingency plans for natural gas and oil infrastructure. Any analysis should include pre-existing contingencies and capture preparedness and response activities that would be associated with a release. Projects do not exist in a vacuum and assessments like this ignore the regulatory and permitting process and how pipelines have been thoroughly studied, reviewed, assessed and discussed – by government agencies, the oil and natural gas industry and all stakeholders.

“Pipelines are one of the most efficient ways to safely deliver the energy that Americans use every day, from the gasoline that fuels our transportation system to the life-saving medical devices made from liquid petroleum products, to the clean natural gas that is used to generate much of the electricity for our nation’s homes, manufacturing plants, hospitals, and schools. Line 5 is in Michigan’s interest, supporting 20,000 Michigan jobs on average annually and contributing \$49 billion to the state’s economy through 2035.”

API continues to develop and revise critical standards and recommended practices following the accreditation process of the American National Standards Institute—or ANSI. Specifically, API has developed a number of standards to address pipeline safety in close coordination with subject matter experts from industry, government, academia and the broader stakeholder community. Additionally, API has developed standards and best practices to ensure operators plan for and are prepared for scenarios not unlike those described in this report.

API Michigan is a division of API, which represents all segments of America's oil and natural gas industry. Its nearly 620 members produce, process, and distribute most of the nation's energy. The industry supports 10.3 million U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 40 million Americans.

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